

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

SUN TIMES MEDIA GROUP, INC. )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

THE RAVELSTON CORPORATION )  
LIMITED, CONRAD M. BLACK, )

JOHN A. BOULTBEE, DANIEL W. COLSON )  
and BARBARA AMIEL BLACK, )

Defendants. )

Case No. 04C-0698

Hon. Blanche M. Manning
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**JOINT STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's February 23, 2011 order, Plaintiff Sun Times Media Group, Inc., f/k/a Hollinger International Inc. and n/k/a Chicago Newspaper Liquidation Corp. ("Plaintiff" or "STMG") and Defendants Conrad M. Black, John A. Boulton, Daniel W. Colson and Barbara Amiel Black ("Defendants"), collectively the "Parties," hereby submit the following Joint Status Report.

On November 17, 2010, the Parties submitted a Joint Status Report setting forth the remaining parties and claims as well as a status of the case. Dkt. 803. The Parties submitted an additional Joint Status Report on February 17, 2011, and Messrs. Black and Boulton submitted a Status Report on February 25, 2011. Dkts. 806 and 808. There have been no changes to the remaining parties or claims at issue since the filing of those Reports. The status of the parties and the case are set forth below.

**1. Status of Parties**

(a) *Plaintiff.* On March 31, 2009, STMG filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. That action remains ongoing.

(b) *Defendant Ravelston.* On June 11, 2009, the Court entered an order of default against Ravelston.

(c) *Defendant Black.* On October 29, 2010, the Seventh Circuit reversed Mr. Black's convictions on two counts of fraud (related to the APC payments), and affirmed his convictions on one count of mail fraud (relating to payments in the Forum and Paxton transactions) and one count of obstruction of justice. *See United States v. Black, et al.* Nos. 07-4080, 08-1030, 08-1072, 08-1106 (7th Cir. Oct. 29, 2010). Messrs. Black and Boulton filed a petition for rehearing *en banc* of that decision on November 12, 2010, and the Seventh Circuit denied that petition on December 17, 2010. *See United States v. Black et al.*, No. 07-4080 (7th Cir. Dec. 17, 2010). On February 17, 2011, Messrs. Black and Boulton filed a petition for a *writ of certiorari* with the U.S. Supreme Court regarding the remaining count(s) of conviction. The Supreme Court has not yet ruled on the petition.

Mr. Black's resentencing is currently scheduled for June 24, 2011 before the Honorable Amy St. Eve.

(d) *Defendant Boulton.* On October 29, 2010, the Seventh Circuit reversed Mr. Boulton's convictions on two counts of fraud (related to the APC payments), and affirmed his convictions on one count of mail fraud (relating to payments in the Forum and Paxton transactions). *See United States v. Black, et al.* Nos. 07-4080, 08-1030, 08-1072, 08-1106 (7th Cir. Oct. 29, 2010). Messrs. Boulton and Black filed a petition for rehearing *en banc* of that decision on November 12, 2010, and the Seventh Circuit denied that petition on December 17, 2010. *See United States v. Black et al.*, No. 07-4080 (7th Cir. Dec. 17, 2010). On February 17, 2011, Messrs. Black and Boulton filed a petition for a *writ of certiorari* with the U.S. Supreme

Court regarding the remaining count(s) of conviction. The Supreme Court has not yet ruled on the petition.

At a hearing on February 3, 2011, the Court granted the Government's oral motion to dismiss Counts I and VI against Mr. Boulton with prejudice. As for the remaining count relating to the Forum and Paxton payments, the Government recommended that Mr. Boulton receive credit for time served. On March 24, 2011, the Court entered an Amended Judgment and Commitment Order for Mr. Boulton imposing a sentence of time served. Mr. Boulton filed a Notice of Appeal from that order on April 4, 2011. That appeal to the Seventh Circuit has been stayed pending determination of the petition for a *writ of certiorari* with the U.S. Supreme Court.

(e) *Defendant Colson*. Mr. Colson remains a defendant in the case.

(f) *Defendant Amiel Black*. Ms. Amiel Black remains a defendant in the case.

## **2. Status of Case.**

This case remains stayed pursuant to the orders of Magistrate Judge Valdez. Dkts. 549 and 789. Defendants maintain that the criminal proceedings giving rise to the stay in this case are ongoing and the appeal process is not yet complete. Defendants Black and Boulton filed a petition for *writ of certiorari* with the U.S. Supreme Court on February 17, 2011. The Supreme Court has not yet ruled on the petition. Mr. Black's case is scheduled for resentencing by the District Court on June 24, 2011.

Dated: May 20, 2011

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Kristen E. Hudson, hereby certify that on May 20, 2011, I electronically filed the attached **Joint Status Report** to be served by the Court's CM/ECF system, which will automatically send electronic notifications of such filing to the registered parties.

/s/Kristen E. Hudson